

Mrs. Katie Larson brought her second-grade class to tour the Dakota Sunset Museum, for an end of the year field trip. They started at the fully equipped Stocker Blacksmith Shop, where the students got to see tools of the trade. The students enjoyed pictures and other information about what a blacksmith did.

The Brooks George building was their next stop. Some of the things they saw there, were the Kunstle 1926 Buick, an old pink Maytag washing machine, and the miniature model of the Potter County Court House.

All of the students got a chance to play school in the Maucher one-room country schoolhouse and shell corn in the small barn. In the main building of the Museum, the students toured the special areas, like the 40-ton Medicine Rock, the antique furnished barbershop, the Frankhauser big game animal collection, an old-fashioned kitchen, items from the Civil War, WWI and WWII, and an 1870s Native American blanket dress. They got to shop for animal crackers and penny candy at the replica of a general store.

When asked about their favorite part of the day, many of the students said they liked the Black Smith Shop the best. Some of their other comments were: "I liked the school house because I like school and I like seeing how they did school in the olden days." "The museum was very cool and I loved the big rock!" "I always love history and you gave me lots of it!" "My favorite thing was the owl in the museum." "I loved the whole tour! My favorite parts were the blacksmith shop and old school house!" "I liked the animals, especially the mountain lion!" "The museum helps us remember how people lived in the olden days!" "It was so cool that I want to go there every day!"